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December 4, 2014

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215) 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Re:

Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

Certain Toyota Vehicles

Dear Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Collins

Manager

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing

North America, Inc.

Enclosures

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Subject: Front passenger frontal air bag issue on certain Toyota vehicles

## 1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"]
Tianjin FAW Toyota Motor Co., Ltd. ["TFTM"]

#### 2. Affected Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country/Region	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota/ Alex, Corolla, Corolla Fielder, Corolla Runx, WiLL VS, Probox, Succeed, Vios, WiLL Cypha	*1	Japan, China	Safety Recall	November 8, 2002 through December 25, 2003	Approx. 190,000

<sup>\*1:</sup> These countries do not use a model year designation.

# 3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model Year/Make/ Car Line: 2002-2004MY Toyota Corolla, Corolla Matrix, Pontiac Vibe Toyota Echo, Scion xA, Toyota Scion xB

#### 4. Description of Problem:

The front passenger frontal airbag inflator installed in a Toyota WiLL Cypha vehicle ruptured when it was intentionally deployed during preparation for vehicle disposal at a salvage yard in Japan. While the root cause of the rupture has not been identified, there is a possibility that inflators of the same type and same model year could rupture in the event of a collision which results in the deployment of the front passenger frontal airbag. The ruptured inflator may create metallic projectile fragments that could contact an interior part or an occupant, increasing the risk of a fire or injury.

## 5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all affected vehicles, the dealer will replace the front passenger frontal airbag inflator with a new one as a precautionary measure. The replaced airbag inflators will be recovered and investigated to help identify the possible cause of the rupture. If the remedy parts are not available, the dealer will temporarily disable the front passenger frontal airbag system and install on the sun visor a warning placard indicating the airbag will not be activated. The airbag inflator will be replaced when parts become available.

# 6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

· The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;

 Date of determination : November 27, 2014

Date campaign will commence : Mid December, 2014

# 7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

This action only affects the above mentioned Toyota vehicles equipped with front passenger frontal airbag assemblies with the Takata SPI single stage inflator. Substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not equipped with the affected SPI inflators. Toyota Corolla, Matrix and Pontiac Vibe vehicles are equipped with different Takata inflators (dual stage inflator: PSPI). The Echo and Scion models are equipped with inflators produced by a different supplier. None of the involved vehicles have been exported or sold in the U.S. Although they are not substantially similar vehicles, all of the Toyota Sequoia and Tundra vehicles equipped with inflators of the same type and same model year are involved in recalls 14V-312 and 14V-655.